

PATENT APPLICATION

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*Applicant:* Charles W. Monagle et al.  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 25, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application, which set deadline for response of June 25, 2003, applicants submit the following.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of claims 1-12 and 17-21 (Group I).

However, applicants filed a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment on March 17, 2003, canceling Claims 1-21 and adding new Claims 22-63, which are now currently pending in the present application. The foregoing Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was not received or considered by the Examiner prior to the issuance of the March 25, 2003 Restriction Requirement.

The undersigned discussed the foregoing with the Examiner on April 7, 2003 and again on May 6, 2003. The undersigned was told to disregard the March 25, 2003 Restriction Requirement and await a new action from the Examiner based upon Applicants' March 17, 2003 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

However, to date the undersigned has not yet received a new action, and therefore respectfully submits the present response to ensure that pendency of the present application is maintained.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 260-424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,



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